

REMARKS

This Continued Prosecution Application is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002 in the preceding application. A Petition requesting a three-month extension of time from May 26, 2002 to August 26, 2002 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.36(a) has been separately submitted so as to permit this application to be timely filed. A copy of the Petition is enclosed as Exhibit A.


By way of this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying transmittal, Applicants have canceled all pending claims and replaced with them with new claims 55 to 79 so as to protect other important embodiments of the invention. Support for the newly added claims may be found as shown in the table below where reference to previously filed claims is made where convenient.

<u>NEW CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>
55	Page 1, lines 6-19; page 8, lines 20-26; page 10, lines 12-24; page 10, lines 29-31; page 12, lines 19-22; Examples 20-26.
56	Examples 25 and 26.
57	Page 8, lines 20-28
58	Page 8, lines 20-28
59	Claim 14
60	Claim 15
61	Claim 16
62	Claim 1
63	Claim 9
64	Claim 10
65	Page 10, lines 17-19
66	Page 10, lines 25-29
67	Page 10, lines 25-29
68	Claim 26

69	Claim 27
70	Claim 28
71	Claim 23
72	Claim 24
73	Claim 25
74	Page 6, lines 24-26
75	Page 9, lines 22-31
76	See Claims 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 65, and Page 10, line 8
77	See Claim 70
78	Page 5, line 30 to Page 6, line 1
79	Page 10, lines 1-10

Applicants believe that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request early and favorable consideration of the same.

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